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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Moraska, Corombos, Villa & Farragh

Absent: Council Members Jacobetti & Alessandrini

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, Chief Financial Officer Bartolameolli & City Attorney Pirkola

Approval of Agenda

Stanchina requested that "Approval of Yield Sign Re: Columbus Drive and City Park Athletic Field Exit" be added to the agenda as number five under New Business.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of September 6, 2011

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve the Minutes of September 6, 2011, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Special Meeting of September 14, 2011

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2011, as presented.

Rosen Abstain

Moraska Aye

Corombos Aye

Villa Aye

Farragh Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-4, Nay-0, Abstain-1)

Public Comment

Barb Kramer - 135 Bradley Street

She voiced her support for culling the deer population. Kramer suggested that property owners within the City that have 10 or more acres be informed about the efforts toward culling the deer herd.

Public Hearing

Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Re: Article II Water, Division 2. Private Wells

Stanchina noted that the proposed ordinance amendment would be following a moratorium on private wells that was established in 1998. He relayed that the city also borrowed 4 million dollars in 2004 to upgrade the water system and that the cost of the bond payments would impact the General Fund if the Water Fund experienced a financial shortfall.

Rosen opened the public hearing.

Stanchina clarified that the ordinance amendment would ban private wells, as to avoid cross contamination.

Rosen closed the public hearing.

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Old Business

Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Re: Article II Water, Division 2. Private Wells

Villa and Moraska conveyed that they would prefer to allow property owners the ability to utilize wells for outdoor uses. Rosen stated his support of the proposed ordinance amendment. Farragh voiced his support for the proposed ordinance amendment given possible issues with cross contamination and the usage of contaminated surface water. He relayed that irrigation meters are available and that the cost of installing a well can prove to be cost prohibitive. Corombos expressed the idea that it would be optimal to avoid all possible risk of cross contamination. Moraska noted that the request for a private well does not occur often; therefore, the probability of contamination is minimal. Stanchina reiterated his concern towards the Water Fund's general obligation debt.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Villa to table the proposed amendment to Article II Water, Division 2. Private Wells.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

New Business

Request for Private Wells Re: 1300 Bayshore and 1314 Bayshore

Stanchina updated the City Council on the current status of the proposed request. He noted that both distance and terrain would hinder the utilization of City water.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve private wells for David Turrie at 1300 Bay Shore Circle and Dennis Vicenzi at 1314 Bay Shore Circle.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Bid Re: Winter Sand

Stanchina estimated that the required winter sand purchase this year should be half of what is typically ordered, due to unusually mild winters. He conveyed that the addition of granulated asphalt shingles was beneficial last year and that he would recommend including the addition of granules in the bid specifications.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Moraska to approve the purchase of 1,000 tons of winter sand.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Authorization to Bid Re: Well #3 Motor, Piping and Screen Cleaning

Stanchina detailed the repairs that Well #3 requires. He noted that the Water Capital Improvement Fund will be paying for the proposed repairs.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve the bidding of the proposed improvements to well #3.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Resolution and Guidelines Re: Deer Management Program

Stanchina presented the proposed Deer Management Program. He suggested waiving the \$15 DMAP "land use fee" in order to encourage the culling of the deer herd, pending legal verification. Stanchina clarified that crop damage permits prohibit baiting.

It was moved by Moraska and supported by Farragh to approve the Resolution and Guidelines governing the proposed Deer Management Program.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Yield Sign Re: Columbus Drive and City Park Athletic Field Exit

Stanchina communicated that the yield sign at the intersection of Columbus Drive and the exit of the City Park athletic field must be approved by the City Council in order to be added to the City's traffic control order. He relayed that the yield sign must have an approved traffic control order in order to be enforceable.

It was moved by Farragh and supported by Corombos to approve the placement of a yield sign at the intersection of Columbus Drive and the exit of the City Park athletic field.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

Corombos noted that the format of the claims and payroll has been updated due to the recent software upgrade.

It was moved by Corombos and supported by Villa to approve the claims in the amount of \$902,533.46 and the payroll in the amount of \$279,356.50.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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City Manager Reports

Stanchina notified the City Council that the necessary handicapped upgrades to City Hall have been scheduled and will begin soon. He noted that once the project is complete City Hall will meet the standards for all handicapped voting needs.

Stanchina updated the City Council on the status of the City's dashboard, as required by the State's Economic Vitality Incentive Program. He confirmed that the City will not incur any additional costs for BS&A to create an online dashboard for the City.

City Attorney Reports

Stanchina announced that the City Attorney had sent a letter to the previous City Assessor regarding the city wide reassessment.

Committee Reports

Villa updated the City Council on the progress of the City Park fundraising efforts.

Villa noted that the Mountain View Ice Arena is now making money and that they have been improving the facility.

Public Comment

Doug Luoma - 700 Joseph Street, Kingsford, Michigan

He expressed the idea that both the Deer Management Program and the proposed private well moratorium effect food production and that these issues should be carefully considered.

Council Member Privilege

Stanchina communicated that the Community Garden experienced some difficulties this season and that the garden will be better prepared for next year.

Villa detailed the location and type of food that will be available at the upcoming City Park spaghetti feed.

Stanchina announced that the phone system should be completed soon as the fiber line connecting the City facilities has been completed.

Adjournment

It was moved by Villa and supported by Farragh to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer